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## The Charleston News.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1869.

To Our Friends in the Country—Advertisements to New Subscribers.

We desire, if possible, to make THE NEWS, which is already without exception, the cheapest newspaper in the South, a regular visitor in every well regulated household in this and the adjoining States. As an inducement to the planters to subscribe to THE NEWS before the expiration of the present year, we have arranged with Messrs. Walker, Evans & Cogswell, the publishers of THE RURAL CAROLINIAN, to supply that new and superior agricultural magazine, together with THE NEWS, to all new subscribers, at the following very low rates:

THE DAILY NEWS and the RURAL CAROLINIAN, one year, for six dollars and fifty cents.

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Subscriptions to the two publications may be sent either to the proprietors of THE NEWS, or to the proprietors of the RURAL CAROLINIAN. But persons desiring to avail themselves of this offer must do so before the first of January next, as the arrangement will not be extended beyond that period.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Gold closed lower in New York, yesterday, at 151 1/2.

—Cotton was heavy, with sales of 3000 bales; no closing quotations.

—In Liverpool cotton was easier; uplands 11 1/2; sales 12,000 bales.

—Victor Hugo and Louis Blanc have written rather warm eulogies on the late Mr. George Peabody.

—The sentence of death against John Reid, the murderer of policeman Smedley, has been affirmed by the general term of the Supreme Court of New York, Judge Cardozo dissenting.

—A letter to the New York World from Rome mentions the probability of the creation of two American cardinals. The prelates to be honored are Archbishop McCloskey, of New York, and Spalding, of Baltimore.

—The Emperor of Austria, in opening the Reichsrath, recently, favored a conciliatory course in dealing with the Balkanian insurrection, dwelt upon the peaceful advance of European affairs with satisfaction, and foreshadowed important concessions by the Empire to various nationalities.

—Mr. Peabody's will is not yet probated. The contents are substantially as follows: Of property in England under \$400,000 he gives \$2000 to each of his executors; \$150,000 to the London charity, payable in three years, and a few small bequests to individuals. The balance is divided among his relatives. In America George Peabody Russell and two other nephews are made residuary legatees, and are empowered to settle all of his property in America, which is estimated between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000.

—A cable telegram dated Rome, December 12, says: "The Geological Commission, which was simply to attend to the details of organization, the Commission on the Path, Discipline, Orders, and Brevets Affairs are to be formed. These committees will comprise in all eighty-six members, to be appointed by a vote of the Council. The official list of the persons entitled to attend the Council is published. It contains the names of fifty-five cardinals, eleven patriarchs, nine hundred and twenty-seven archbishops, two bishops and abbots, twenty-two abbots, and twenty-nine generals of religious orders."

—A New York letter of Sunday says: "Father Hyacinthine is fond of making audacious movements. He left for France to-day about as unexpectedly as he left France for this country, with the understanding, however, that he will again visit the United States to fulfil the engagements which he had partially made to lecture in the principal cities. The vessel in which he has taken passage is the *Peabody*. Only three friends accompanied him from his hotel to the vessel, and of these two were members of the French Benevolent Society. Concomitantly a future career he had but little to say on parting, except that it would be governed by own's and by the decisions of the great council in Rome."

—There was considerable excitement in Wall street on Monday over the discovery that a large amount of United States bonds had been altered from thousands to ten thousands. The firm implicated was W. E. Gray & Co., No. 44 Broad street. The firm consisted of William E. Gray and T. H. Pratt. Gray came originally from Washington. Pratt is the party who purchased the one thousand dollar bonds, which were altered to ten thousand dollar bonds. Neither Gray nor Pratt have been seen since Saturday. The Stock Exchange office is in the apprehension of a change of office for the apprehension of a change of office. Gray, who is implicated in the alteration of the State County bonds, is a son of the late Captain of the United States Senate.

—Commissioner Wells, in his report presented to Congress, gives an estimate of the cost of the late war. The government spent in war expenses and expenses growing out of the war, down to June 30, 1869, \$4,711,814,298. This excludes what the administration would have cost had there been no war, and may be called the net cost to the government of the war. To this, however, must be added a number of items, which Mr. Wells gives thus: "Pensions, capitalized, at eight per cent, \$200,000,000; increase of State debts, mainly on war account, \$150,000,000; county, city and town indebtedness, increased on account of the war, estimates, \$50,000,000; expenditures of States, counties, cities and towns on account of the war, not represented by funded debt, (estimated) \$500,000,000; estimated loss to the loyal States from the diversion and suspension of industry, and the reduction of the American marine and carrying trade, \$1,000,000,000; estimated direct expenditures and loss of property by the Confederate States, by reason of the war, \$2,700,000,000. This makes a total of loss by the war to the whole country of nine thousand millions of dollars."

—The reception of the remains of the late Mr. George Peabody, on board H. R. M. ship *Konkora*, took place on Saturday. Although it was intended that the procession should be privately conducted, they were attended by an interesting "monstrance" of respect. The remains were accompanied to the place of embarkation by Sir Odo Lampton, Charles Beale, Minister Motley, J. Morgan and H. Somers. They were received at the dock by the municipal authorities of Savannah and the officers and mariners of the *Monk* and of the United States steamer *Plymouth*. Her Majesty's steamer *Duke of Wellington* fired guns during the embarkation. The ship's harbor displayed their ensigns as

the *Monk* steamed out. On the arrival of the coffin on board Minister Motley addressed Captain Comerrell, commander of the *Monk*, as follows: "Sir—When the President of the United States was informed of the death of the great philanthropist, the late Mr. Peabody, he at once ordered a ship from the European squadron of the United States to proceed to this country in order to convey the remains to America. Simultaneously that one of her Majesty's ships be appointed to perform the same office. This double honor from the heads of two great nations to a simple American citizen was, like his bounty to the poor of both nations, quite unprecedented. The President has yielded most cordially to the wish of the Queen, and the remains of Mr. Peabody are now to be conveyed across the Atlantic to his native country, to be buried with his kindred. All that was mortal of our lamented friend was taken this morning from Westminster Abbey, where, very rarely before in history, died a foreigner of any nation find sepulture, whether temporarily or permanently, and has been brought to this port. As Minister of the Republic, at the Court of her Majesty, I have been requested by the relatives and executors of Mr. Peabody, who are now present, to confide these revered remains to your keeping. This duty I have now the honor of fulfilling. Captain Comerrell replied: *Mr. Motley—I accept the sacred trust, sir, in the same spirit in which you have confided it to my care, and I assure you these remains shall be cared and guarded by me and those around me with jealous interest, as sacred relics of one whose memory will ever be held dear by the people of my country.*

## The Price of the Pigstails.

We print this morning, the letter of a correspondent, in which a plan is suggested for securing the introduction into the State of a number of Chinese sufficient to give the planters and farmers as much efficient agricultural labor as they require. The plan appears to be a good one, but it is suggested that it would be necessary to fix beforehand, the rate of wages to be paid the immigrants, as well as the scale of rations and the period for which they would certainly be paid.

At present, there is little precise and definite information to be had in regard to the wants and peculiarities of the Chinese. The planters who agree to take a number of them are groping in the dark, and do not know whether they offer enough, in the right way, to induce the cautious Asiatic to immigrate to the South. Every ounce of fact to be a pound of theory, and we are glad to be able to give, from letters received from the Hong Kong correspondents of Messrs. Robert Mure & Co., some idea of the only way in which contracts with the Chinese can be safely made.

The correspondents referred to, writing on October 18th of the present year, say that it is essential at the very start to determine the legality in the United States of contracts made with Chinese laborers. This should be easily done. The law is plain and explicit, and is intended to prevent the coolie trade, not free Chinese immigration. The correspondents say that agricultural laborers "do not willingly leave China unless forced by the distress of a dear rice season, and then they prefer emigration to countries where other of their countrymen have been before, have been well treated and have returned home again, to adventuring to a new 'locality.' For instance, they go readily to British India and to San Francisco, but are less eager to go to Dutch Guiana, 'while a ship requiring three hundred Chinese for 'Pern' (a new port), and offering liberal and 'trustworthy' contracts, has been about ten months procuring her complement." Short periods of service, too, are preferred.

The method of obtaining the laborers is somewhat as follows: On Chinese being required, the contract is translated into Chinese, and under certain local and provincial guarantees, is circulated in the proper official quarters in the country districts. Brokers and agents are also sent on their travels in the same quarters, and the emigrants who engage with them are sent on to Hong Kong. Here they have to wait until the ship is ready, and are fed and clothed at their employers' expense. A bonus of eight dollars is given them upon engagement, as well as a couple of suits of clothes, blankets, matts, pillows, &c., and an advance of a month's wages, seven dollars. A female laborer receives a bonus of twenty dollars, and if children accompany the man and wife, a further bonus is paid. A bonus of sixty dollars is to be paid at the termination of the contract, or the laborer has instead at his option a free passage, with rations, back to China. The foregoing expenses before embarkation average about seventy dollars, the dollar being taken as equal to 45 cts. sterling. Provisions for the voyage have to be found by the employer, as well as medical attendance and passage money, the whole costing from \$11 to \$15 a head.

According to the calculations of the Hong Kong firm of whom we have already spoken, the total cost of each male laborer, besides his monthly wages, would be, for bonuses, advance, &c., seventy dollars, and expenses of passage say \$13 sterling, or equal to \$170 in Federal currency.

These particulars are of great interest, coming from a well known and responsible firm, and to make the information of our readers upon this subject as complete as possible, we publish in another column the form of agreement usually adopted by persons engaging Chinese to work in Dutch Guiana.

## The Phosphate Monopoly.

Before the exclusive right of mining phosphates in the beds of navigable streams is granted to any one, the General Assembly had better ascertain, as nearly as possible, the probable value of the privilege. The State cannot afford to give up for a trifling element of wealth which may prove sufficient to cancel a large part of our debt, and a little delay cannot injure the petitioners if they are really offering as high a price as can safely be given.

A competent commission could soon ascertain the extent of the river phosphate deposits and their commercial value. The right to mine them could then be farmed out on such terms as would secure to the State a fair percentage of profit.

This course will protect the State, and may save the Legislature from committing another financial blunder.

We print the report of the Senate Committee on the Abbeville Contested Election. As was expected, they throw out the vote at Calhoun's Mills, where Colonel Othman had a majority, and recommend that Griffin (Radical) be admitted to his seat.

SOME of the proceedings of the House on Tuesday were very funny.

## Reviews.

ACROSS AMERICA AND ASIA. Notes of a Five Years' Journey Around the World, and of a Residence in Africa, Japan and China. By Raphael Pumpelly. New York: Leypoldt & Holt. Charleston: John Russell. Pp. 454.

Briefly described, this is the narration of a journey from the westernmost part of the railroad in Missouri, across the Pacific to Japan, and across the continent of Asia to the frozen capital of Russian civilization. This journey was begun in the autumn of 1866 and ended in 1865, and it is due to the accomplished traveller to remark at the outset that his descriptions are in all cases short, graphic and pointed, and that he has evidently turned to good account his large opportunities of obtaining novel and valuable information.

The opening chapters of "Across America and Asia" describe Arizona, with its wild Indians and wilder frontiersmen, and are filled with the romance of real Western life. Enough is told of the devilry and treachery of the redskins to palliate the reprisals of the borderers; but Professor Pumpelly (p. 33) looks back upon the history of our intercourse with the original owners of our country "as a sad commentary on the 'Protestant civilization of the last two centuries,' and is outspoken in expressing his opinion (p. 35) that the Indians should be protected by the government 'in their rights, and made to respect the rights of others.' This is the whole question in a dozen words.

Upon arriving at San Francisco, Professor Pumpelly was engaged by the Japanese Government to explore a part of the Empire, and set sail for Yokohama, staying long enough at Honolulu to enable him to give a lively sketch of the manners and condition of the Sandwich Islanders. The labors of the untiring missionaries have had some effect; but the costume introduced by the missionaries fifty years ago, is still (horrible to depict) the dress of the native women, and on some of the islands (p. 74) the people "bring on Sunday all their clothing in a 'bundle to the door of the church, where 'they dress, and after service, donning their 'costume, carry it homeward under their 'arms.'"

An account of an excursion to visit the Daiabutsu, a colossal statue of Buddha, opens the description of Japan, and in the ensuing chapters the author sketches the history, political condition, religion, the social habits and customs, the geology and geography, and the climatic peculiarities of that remarkable country. There is nothing dull in what are usually the dullest of details. A well-told anecdote or bit of telling delineation of character, meet the reader before geology or mineralogy can tire.

Professor Pumpelly is emphatic in his denunciation (p. 123) of the policy followed by the West in treating with the East. He says: "The representatives of the Western 'governments are clothed with almost sovereign power, and are only too often also 'imbued with the prejudice of race. That 'which they would not dream of doing in 'the face of an European power, they often 'do not hesitate to practice toward a weaker 'Oriental nation—constantly violating international law, at the same time that 'they demand of them an observance of it.' The author, therefore, heartily approves of the policy of bringing China into the circle of independent nations, and delineates his work to the 'chief author of that policy,' the Hon. Anson Burlingame.

The growth of the revolution in Japan caused the government to bring to an end its engagement with Professor Pumpelly, who next went to Shanghai. Of the geography of China, and of the habits of its people, the author gives a full account, concluding his volume with the story of his adventures while crossing the table lands of Central Asia and the snowy wastes of Siberia. Of the Chinese the author speaks with a kindness that would astonish the Californian Democracy. As one who knows, he says (p. 261) that the Chinese have a high sense of family and commercial honor, that they are charitable, frugal, temperate and industrious, and that infanticide is less prevalent, proportionately, in China than in America. The whole question of Chinese immigration is thoroughly and patiently discussed. Chinese emigration should (p. 263) "rapidly raise our Southern States to a 'height of prosperity never yet reached by 'them, and render possible the completion 'and maintenance of great works, necessary to control the overflow of the Mississippi, and to drain unproductive and malarious regions." But will the price be too high? Professor Pumpelly treats Chinese immigration as a necessary step toward "the unification of mankind by the assimilation of the best parts of its different 'races into a new type," and does not dread their competitive or political influence; but he wisely insists that they shall understand "our social and political organization" before they have a voice, and that they shall not acquire citizenship without a residence of several years, and not less than the ability to read and write the English language.

We may remark that Professor Pumpelly talks with the nonchalance of a circumnavigator (p. 403) of building a railroad forty-six hundred miles long, from Shanghai to Kazan, the eastern terminus of the Russian Railroad, and that he was informed that the labor of the emancipated serfs in Siberia has already improved "at least 30 per cent." Upon the freedmen has devolved the duty of maintaining the old and infirm, and this "forms an incentive to habits of sobriety 'and economy.' We hope one day to chronicle a similar result in South Carolina.

The style of Professor Pumpelly is generally good and clear; but such words as "cultivable" and "productivity" are not endurable in Eastern America, whatever may be thought of them in Honolulu or on the Steppes of Tartary. The illustrations are excellent, and well-drawn maps make the text clear to every comprehension. A valuable and interesting chapter on Japanese art is given by Mr. LaFarge, to whom Professor Pumpelly acknowledges his obligations. The whole book is beautifully printed with clear type, on tinted paper, and is handsomely and strongly bound.

The interest which every American takes in the vast empires of the East, whose interests and fortunes we hope to join with ours, has led us to write at a greater length than we had intended. We must content ourselves with saying, in conclusion, that "Across America and Asia" is, at this time of all others, one of the most suggestive and amusing books that can be placed in the hands of statesman, student, philosopher or business man.

**Educational.**  
KING'S MOUNTAIN MILITARY SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, S. C.  
The First Session of the school year of 1870 will be held on the 1st of January, 1870. Terms: For school expenses, including tuition, board, washing, lights, fuel, books and stationery, \$15.00 in advance. For room and board, \$10.00 in advance. For uniforms, \$5.00 in advance. For circulars containing full particulars, apply to the Principal, or to the Proprietor.

## Wants.

WANTS OF ALL KINDS CAN BE made known to everybody in this column at the rate of 25 cents per twenty words or less, each insertion, if paid in advance.

A YOUNG LADY OF CHARLESTON desires a situation as Governess in a private family. A moderate salary only required. Excellent references given. Address "E. L. C." Box No. 307, Charleston, S. C.

WHITE BOY WANTED, WHO UNDERSTANDS ATTENDING BAIL. One with good references may apply at Dexter & Co., 44 Queen street, near King.

WANTED, A COLORED WOMAN AS a domestic and general house servant. None with children need apply. Corner Charlotte and Elizabeth streets. dec16 1\*

WANTED, A MALE HOUSE SERVANT. None need apply but those who can bring recommendations. Apply at 21 Bull street. dec16 1\*

WANTED, A NURSE, TO MIND CHILDREN. Apply at No. 23 Reid street. dec16 1\*

A COMPETENT BOOKKEEPER WANTS a situation. Address J. W., care Glass Box No. 83, Postoffice. dec16 4\*

WANTED, A GOOD COOK AND WASH-ER. References required. Apply at southwest corner of Smith and Montague streets. dec16 2\*

WANTED, A GENTLEMAN AND HIS wife wish to procure permanent board in a private family where there are no boarders. Terms must be moderate and location pleasant. Address "CAROLINIANS," Box 113, Charleston, S. C. dec16 1\*

WANTED, A WHITE WOMAN, CAPABLE of cooking and fitting children's clothes, and who is a good seamstress. Apply at No. 14 Meeting street. dec16 1\*

WANTED, BY A YOUNG MAN FROM the up-country, a situation in some Wholesale or Retail House. Can influence trade, or would travel for some legitimate business. Address MORRIS, Office of THE NEWS. dec16 12\*

WANTED, A SITUATION AS SUPER-INTENDENT on a Rice Plantation by a married man, who has seven years' experience in Rice culture, and good recommendations from his former employers. Please address W. B. W., Charleston, S. C. dec16 2\*

WANTED, BY A LADY, A SITUATION as Teacher, either in a Day or Boarding School. She has had seven years' experience, and teaches, besides the usual French, German and Music. Address Miss H. L. YOUNG, Unionville, S. C. Refers to General W. H. Wallace, of Union, and General A. B. Kershaw, of Camden. dec16 1\*

WANTED, A YOUNG MARRIED MAN, in a Wholesale Drug Store, to take charge of a large Cotton Plantation, in the State of South Carolina. Any one in want of a good, faithful servant, will do well to address the undersigned. Can give the best of references. Good habits, and not troubled with politics. Address, for two months, P. W. EDWARDS, Portland, Maine. dec16 10\*

WANTED, A SITUATION AS CLERK, in a Wholesale Drug Store, to take charge of a large Cotton Plantation, in the State of South Carolina. Any one in want of a good, faithful servant, will do well to address the undersigned. Can give the best of references. Good habits, and not troubled with politics. Address, for two months, P. W. EDWARDS, Portland, Maine. dec16 10\*

WANTED, A HOUSE, NEAR THE central part of the city, containing five or six rooms, with good outbuildings and water. Address D, at this office. sep19 2\*

AGENTS WANTED EVERYWHERE TO sell the AMERICAN KNITTING MACHINE, the best and most reliable ever invented. Price \$25. Will knit 20,000 stitches per minute. Address American Knitting Machine Company, Boston, Mass., or St. Louis, Mo. dec16 10\*

WANTED, EVERYBODY TO KNOW that JOB PRINTING of all kinds, plain and ornamental, is executed promptly in the best style and at the lowest New York prices. Press is forty-four by fifty-eight inches. Send and examine the scale of prices before giving your orders elsewhere. sep20 2\*

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## Meetings.

UNION KILWINNING LODGE, No. 4, F. & M. The Annual Convention of this Lodge will be held at Masonic Hall, this (Thursday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock precisely. Candidates for the M. M. Degree will please be punctual.

By order W. M. ADAM E. GIBSON, Secretary.

CHARLESTON TYPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—An Extra Meeting of your Society will be held this DAY, at 1 o'clock, at the News Office.

By order of the President. JAMES RONAN, Secretary.

THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE LADIES' MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION will be held at the "Willows" Home, in Broad street, on FRIDAY MORNING, the 17th instant, at 11 o'clock. Members will please attend. By order of the President.

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FOR SALE, THE NEW AND COMMODIOUS YACHT MARY ELLA, capacity six tons, in complete order. For terms, &c., apply to T. D. CLARK & CO., No. 141 East Bay. nov16 10\*

FOR SALE, TWO FINE IRON WATER TANKS, each of 400 gallons capacity. They measure 4 feet square. Apply at H. MURRE & CO., Dryer's North Wharf. dec16 1\*

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